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June 2022 Newsletter

Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild

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Handy Andy Andean Plying Tool

Handy Andy is a tool that makes plying from both ends of a single, center-pull ball a breeze!

Watch a video demonstrating this tool at

<https://youtu.be/fnfE6psB-LE>

Want to 3D print your own Handy Andy? Go to <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:3028722>

Finally, here's a video that shows Andean plying without the use of the Handy Andy tool -

https://youtu.be/1_kpTb5Q85k

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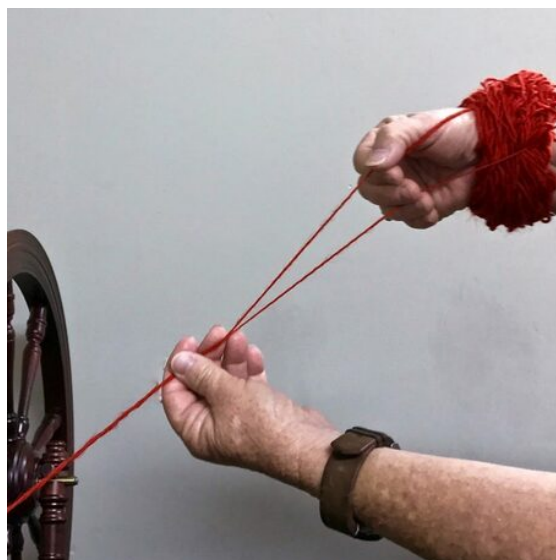
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Guild Membership Meeting Info - this meeting will be our first HYBRID MEETING!

Zoom Link for June 11 meeting - [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 834 9123 8366

Passcode: 756826

Programs

For June's program - [info not yet available](#)

MAY meeting video link: <https://youtu.be/c7ex7XJhDTs>

May meeting minutes Dropbox link: [Not yet available](#)

April meeting minutes Dropbox link: [Not yet available](#)

NOTE:

All 2021 meeting minutes can be found on the guild website or in the Dropbox folder:

[click here.](#)

All 2022 meeting minutes can be found on the guild website or in the Dropbox folder:

[click here](#)



From the President's Desk

This month we will launch our first hybrid meeting format. Please come down to LibertyTown for our meeting. Although masks are not required, they are highly recommended by LibertyTown, and we will also follow these guidelines. Remember that the guild studio space is small and maintaining social distancing will be a little more difficult. This will be an exciting new phase of guild meetings, and I'm hoping it opens a greater variety of programs, presentations, and workshop opportunities.

Also, don't forget about the handbook rewrite vote. Here is the link to the Handbook and Handbook Vote.

Handbook Link: <https://fswguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Handbook-Draft-Apr3.pdf>

Handbook Vote: https://fswguild.org/?page_id=7067

On the Horizon...

Guild Gathering - the guild is considering an outdoor event, such as a cookout or potluck for the September or October meeting - be on the lookout for further details!

From Education and Outreach:

Port Royal is holding a 4th of July event, but details have not yet come in. Also still holding for further information on the DAR meeting.

International Family Day. was held May 14th at the James Monroe Museum

Living History at Port Royal was held May 14th

Let Keren Pritchett know if you have questions or to sign up to participate in one (or more!) of these events at kjpritchett11@gmail.com



STUDIO NEWS

The studio cleanup went very well this past Saturday and a big thank you goes out to all who helped sort, toss and clean. Quite a few treasures were uncovered and more about that will be coming your way. One comment was heard over and over and that was "I didn't know this was here!" Just having a studio is such a wonderful resource for our Guild. So many Guilds have to search for places to meet or meet in members homes. Having our space has allowed the Guild to acquire so many resources and make them available to members. However, if members don't know about them, they certainly won't get used. Many of them are listed in the Handbook and everyone will soon receive a new handbook once it has been approved. This spot in the Newsletter will be highlighting various resources and talking about their uses. So stay tuned and if you have the opportunity, stop by and acquaint yourself with our refreshed, clean and organized studio space.

Note - the picture above is a "Freebie Box" that is hanging out at the studio, waiting to be emptied! It contains books, patterns, a bit of fabric, and quite a bit of yarn/thread (mostly hidden by the items on top). Se head on into the studio and see what you can use!



Where, oh where is it?

Recently a small spool rack was donated to the guild and was resting in the guild studio. It was going to be offered as a Freebie to guild members but we don't know where it has gone! If anyone has information on the location of the spool rack please let Judy Klehm know at jwklehm@gmail.com

Committee News

Guild Engagement Committee

The next meeting is Tuesday June 14th, beginning at 7 PM.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82905033088?pwd=bTFyNUdOWGZja1pIZmVpWUpKRXBiZz09>

Handbook Revisions are Ready for Final Review and Membership Vote!!

The Handbook Committee has completed the revisions and created a draft version for members to review. Please follow [this link](#) to read the updated Handbook and be sure to cast your vote (approve or not approve) the proposed revisions. Here is the [LINK](#) to the handbook revision vote. The vote will be open until June 10th. Thank you in advance for taking the time to submit your vote.

MAFA:

Micro-Grant: FSWG applied for the new MAFA micro-grants program to help fund the equipment needed for conducting hybrid meetings. Our application was approved and a check for \$375 was recently received by the guild.

The May/June edition of the MAFA Newsletter has arrived!

[Click here](#) to view the entire 9 page Dropbox document.

Highlights are as follows:

Next Guild Roundtable (Open to All Guild Members) is a presentation by Melissa Weaver Dunning, July 26 at 7 PM: Traditional Knitting from England, Ireland, Scotland, and the Shetland Islands. Many of the foundations of traditional knitting come to us from England, Ireland, and Scotland: Fishermen's ganseys, Aran cable knitting, Fair Isle multi-colored patterned knitting and delicate Shetland lace. We will explore each of these traditions through images of garments and knitters, old and new. Melissa Weaver Dunning is an avid tartan & linen weaver, a skilled spinner and a compulsive knitter. She loves to share the history and context of traditional textile arts and to pass on the efficient techniques of time-honored skills. She lives in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Melissa is also a traditional hand-weaver working on antique equipment to produce 18th and 19th century style textiles. She has had the great good fortune to study with Scottish master weaver and singer Norman Kennedy since 1980. She is dedicated to carrying on some of the wealth of tradition gleaned from this apprenticeship both in weaving and in music. This roundtable is open to all MAFA guild members.

Register to attend at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqfuGsuj0tG9NT-ufh5P9p5gaUCvXevhUR>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link.

Save the Date: The MAFA 2023 Conference will be held at Millersville University (near Lancaster, PA), June 22 - 25, 2023. The Conference Committee is working hard to finalize instructors for this conference.



Guild Groups

Currently our guild has three active fiber groups, in addition to lessons being taught in the guild studio. If you are interested in joining a group or finding out more about a group, each group's particulars are below:

Sock Knitting Group meets Mondays from about noon to 3-4 pm. in the guild studio space. Contact [Fran Slaterbeck](#) for more information. Some meetings may be via Zoom.

The **Weavers Study Group** is open to all weavers. **This year we are studying Blocks and Profile Drafts. We are following along with the Jane Stafford School of Weaving course.** The group is currently meeting via Zoom on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Contact: Diane Kowalski, Diane@wovengems.com

Knitting Group meets Friday from 1PM to 3PM in the guild studio space. Contact [Margaret Campbell](#) for details. Currently meeting face-to-face.

Lessons/classes

Lori and Mary are seeking donations of fiber for their spinning classes that benefit the guild. In addition, if you have a wheel you are ready to sell, they are willing to demonstrate it to the students. There may be more than one person looking to purchase in the next few weeks.

So far, they have taught 6 new spinners, and there are two new students lined up for this Sunday. Two students have joined the guild so far. At least one wants to rent a wheel.

Spinning class has raised \$960 so far. All proceeds benefit the guild.

(Note - some of the Spinning Classes information is outdated. Updated information will be shared with guild members shortly.)



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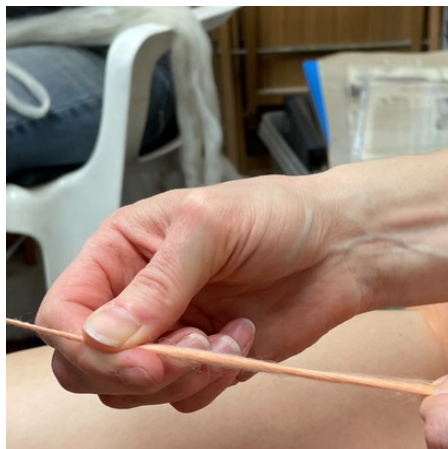
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WEAVERS' WISDOM

From The Weavers Guild of Boston

Advice from weaving experts:

Taken from Handwoven magazine

From Rosalie Neilson, [weaving teacher](#), Oregon College of Art and Crafts and guilds around the country:

On mistakes: I've made every mistake there is in weaving, and know that for every problem there is a solution ... not always an easy one, but something that can be solved. For a beginning weaver who forgot to put the warp OVER the back beam? Put a dowel under the warp, and tie it to the back beam. Crossed warps, and incorrect threads on heddles, are easily corrected as well. When it comes to weaving, if there's an unexpected texture or pattern, it becomes a Design Element, especially if it can be repeated. For a really obvious mistake that can't be corrected ... like four inches from where the weaving continues ... don't take out what's already been placed. Rather call it the "spirit trail" as in the Navajo weaving tradition where a mistake is purposely made so the spirit can escape the confines of the rug.

From Peggy Osterkamp, [weaver, teacher, and author](#) of the recently released Weaving for Beginners:

Things to know before you throw a shuttle: Throw the shuttle into the correct open shed. Take out the shuttle so the weft is in the shed on a diagonal [as shown in the figure at right]. Holding onto the shuttle, snug up the weft to the outside warp thread—the side where the shuttle entered the shed—just so it touches and barely moves that outside thread. Then, swing the beater and gently place the weft next to the previously woven weft. You do not want to actually beat it as the name implies. You are simply placing the weft against the one woven before it. Now, while the beater is toward you after placing the weft, change the shed. Then, swing the beater back toward the heddles and begin the process again. The steps are: throw the shuttle, beat in the weft, and change the shed. I like the rhythm of saying: "Throw, beat, change the shed." That's 4 counts, with "the shed" as one beat. (On the fourth beat you're pushing the beater back toward the shafts.)

KNITTING KNOTES

Crochet provisional cast on

Step 1: With your waste yarn, make a slip knot and place it on your crochet hook.

Step 2: Take your knitting needle and hold it in your other hand, with the working yarn behind the needle.

Step 3: Grab the working yarn with the crochet hook and draw it through the loop on the hook, wrapping the yarn around the knitting needle.

Step 4: Bring the working yarn back behind the knitting needle.

Rep steps 3 – 4 until the you have cast on your desired number of stitches.

Chain 3 or 4 loops at the end of your cast on row to identify which end you will be removing your waste yarn from.

When you are ready to pick up your stitches, insert your knitting needle into the loops from the first row of your main color. Then gently pull the waste yarn. It should unravel nicely, leaving you with live stitches on your needle.

Long tail cast-on

Step 1: Take a length of yarn from your ball of yarn.

Tip – For the long tail measure about one inch per stitch. How many stitches will be dependent on your pattern

Warning! – If you do not measure enough yarn to begin with you may run out and will have to start over. You can always cut off extra yarn when you finish casting on.

Step 2: Make a slip knot and insert the needle into the loop. Tighten slip knot onto needle.

Warning!– When casting on a lot of stitches the yarn has a tendency to untwist. Make sure the long tail is closest to you so you can easily retwist the yarn as you go.

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Step 3: with your bottom three fingers grab both pieces of yarn and hold them in your palm.

Step 4: Take your index finger and thumb and push them through the two pieces of yarn.

Step 5: Shift your thumb and forefinger backwards to pull the yarn tight.

Step 6: Take the tip of your needle and pick up the bottom piece of yarn closest to your body.

Step 7: Swing the needle around and under the yarn wrapped around your index finger.

Step 8: Pull the needle through the loop of yarn on your thumb.

Step 9: Release the yarn around the thumb.

Step 10: Pull the yarn closest to your body tight on the needle.

Repeat steps 6-10 until you have reached the desired amount of stitches on your needle.

Tip – If your pattern calls for a loose cast on use two needles together to cast on instead of one.

Selling your work at LibertyTown

This process is currently under review by the new screening committee. Be sure to see the proposed details in the [handbook draft](#)! In the meantime, send any questions you may have to Lesley

Reynolds (president@fswguild.org) or Judy Klehm
(jwklehm@gmail.com).

DID YOU KNOW????

ITEMS FOR SALE/FREE/IN SEARCH OF

**THIS FEATURE IS BEING MOVED TO THE GUILD
WEBSITE, AS THERE IS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE
EXPOSURE ON THE WEBSITE THAN IN JUST THIS
NEWSLETTER. USE THE LINK BELOW TO FIND A LINK
TO THE SUBMISSION FORM.**

FSWG Marketplace Form Link

Membership & Dues

As of 5/23/2022, 47 members are currently active in the guild (they have paid their 2022 dues).

Dues (\$30 annually, \$15 out of state & youth/student \$5) were due by September 30. Members who did not submit their dues by December 30th were removed from the guild's membership rolls.

Payment by check is preferred (make payable to FSWG and mail to the guild at LibertyTown or leave in the guild mailbox at LibertyTown).

LibertyTown Arts Workshop

Attn: FSWG

916 Liberty Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Payment is possible by PayPal but please follow these instructions or PayPal will keep a portion of your money rather than crediting all of it to the guild:

- 1. Go to PayPal.com and login. You may need to click on the "MyPayPal" icon to get to the money dashboard.**
- 2. Click on the "Send" icon.**
- 3. In the box asking for a name or email address for where you want the money to go, enter the guild's email address: fswguild@gmail.com**
- 4. Type in the amount of money you want to send.**
- 5. In the "notes" box, enter in what the money is for, such as "donation", "August rent", or "annual guild dues".**
- 6. Click on "continue".**
- 7. When it asks what the payment is for, choose sending to a friend.**
- 8. Scroll until you can see the "Send Payment/Money Now" button and click on it.**

Guild Links

[Guild Roster](#)

[Guild Library](#)

[Guild Equipment available to rent](#)

[Guild Handbook & By-Laws](#) (currently being revised)

[Guild Website](#)

[Handwoven Online Access Instructions](#)

[Face Book](#) (members only page)

FSWG also has a presence on [Ravlery](#)

[Guild Calendar: if you would like an item added to the Guild calendar, please send the details to Aileen Campbell at \[newsletter_editor@fswguild.org\]\(mailto:newsletter_editor@fswguild.org\)](#)

Leadership (executive board members)

President - Lesley Reynolds president@fswguild.org

Vice President - Kara Peckar vice_president@fswguild.org

Secretary - Nicole White secretary@fswguild.org

Treasurer - Denise Kash treasurer@fswguild.org

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